

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the application.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-31 have been rejected under the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-41 of copending Application No. 10/211,434. Upon receiving an indication that claims 1-31 are otherwise allowable, Applicant will file an appropriately executed terminal disclaimer to the extent the above double patenting rejection remains outstanding.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Osman et al. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0024894. (Applicant observes that on p. 7 of the Office Action the Examiner mentions the Schweitzer reference in support of the rejection of claim 15, which is inconsistent with a rejection made under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)).

Accompanying this Amendment are declarations from each Applicant made in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.131. Each declaration demonstrates, in a manner consistent with 37 CFR 1.31 and MPEP 715, conception of Applicants' invention prior to the effective date of Osman and reasonable diligence from prior to such effective date until actual reduction to practice of an integrated circuit embodiment of the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that these declarations collectively overcome the above-referenced rejections of claims 1-32, and respectfully request withdrawal of the same.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the remarks herein prior to further examination of the above-identified application. The undersigned would of course be available to discuss the present application with the Examiner if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a discussion could lead to resolution of any outstanding issues.

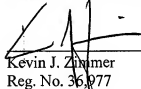
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